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Arizona Upland Cotton Forecast Up 4 Percent From 2008

Arizona's upland cotton harvested acreage is estimated at 139,000 acres, up 5 percent from a year ago. As of September 1, yield is forecast at 1,450 pounds per acre, the same as last year. Production is forecast at 420,000 bales, up 4 percent. Cotton bolls have opened on 48 percent of the acreage as of August 30, down 5 percentage points from the 5-year average. Cotton condition is mostly good to excellent.

At the U.S. level, all Cotton production is forecast at 13.4 million 480-pound bales, up 2 percent from last month and up 5 percent from last year. Upland cotton production is forecast at 13.1 million 480-pound bales, up 2 percent from last month and up 6 percent from last year. Producers in the Southeast and Delta regions are expecting increased yields from last month. Upland growers in Alabama, Georgia, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Tennessee are expecting record high yields. The American-Pima production forecast, at 367,000 bales, was carried forward from last month.